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*Extracts from liquor laws of prohibition states.* (Richmond: Legislative Reference Bureau of Virginia. 1916. Pp. 264.)

Presents the principal liquor laws of prohibition states including amendments of 1915.

*Feeble-mindedness. A selected bibliography.* (New York: Russell Sage Foundation. 1916. Pp. 3.)

*Increases in rental of small dwelling-houses in industrial districts in Scotland. Report of the departmental committee with evidence and appendices.* (London: Wyman. 1916. 1s. 2d.)

*Journal of the National Institute of Social Sciences*, vol. 1, no. 1. (Boston: Boston Book Co. 1915. Pp. 242.)

There is a chapter on "Social and economic conditions of the Indians of Guatemala and Mexico," by Thomas R. Dawley, Jr., and one on "Rural credits," by Duncan U. Fletcher.

*Papers and proceedings of the ninth annual meeting of the American Sociological Society, held at Princeton, N. J., December 28-31, 1914. Tenth annual meeting, held at Washington, D. C., December 28-31, 1915.* (Chicago: Univ. Chicago Press. 1915; 1916.)

*Report of the Minneapolis survey for vocational education.* (New York: National Society for the Promotion of Industrial Education. 1916. Pp. 697.)

*The social survey: a bibliography.* Bulletin no. 4. (New York: Russell Sage Foundation. 1915. Pp. 12. 5c.)

*Third annual report of the chief of the Children's Bureau. Fiscal year ended June 30, 1915.* (Washington: U. S. Dept. of Labor, Children's Bureau. 1916. Pp. 26.)

*The 1915 Year Book of the United States Brewers' Association.* (New York, 50 Union Sq. 1915. Pp. 360.)

Contains chapters on "Efficiency and drink"; "Alcohol as a factor in industrial accidents"; "Economic effects of prohibition in Tennessee"; "A review of laws compensating the beer and liquor trade"; "Relative death-rates of self-declared abstainers and moderate drinkers from the actuaries' viewpoint."

## Insurance and Pensions

### NEW BOOKS

BATY, T. *Vicarious liability. The history of the liability of employers, principals, partners, associations, and trade union members, with chapters on the law of Scotland.* (London: Oxford Univ. Press. 1916.)

DAWE, S. *Eastern edition of the little gem vest pocket chart of regular life insurance companies.* (Boston: S. Dawe. 1915. Pp. 456. \$1.)

DAWSON, M. M. *Survivorship annuity tables. Minor annuitants. American experience table for life of nominator. Danish survivor-*

*ship annuitant table for life annuitant. Interest at 3½ per cent.* (New York: Chronicle Co. 1915. \$25.)

DERCUM, F. X. *Hysteria and accident compensation; nature of hysteria and the lesson of the post-litigation results.* (Philadelphia: G. T. Bisel Co. 1916. Pp. 120. \$2.)

FARRAR, F. A. *Factories and great industries. With some account of old age pensions, state insurance, the relief of distress hospitals.* (London: Cambridge Univ. Press. 1916. Pp. 100. 1s. 6d.)

HAHN, J. *Handbuch der Krankenversicherung.* (Berlin-Lichterfelde: Verlag der "Arbeiter-Versorgung." 1915. Pp. 881.)

JONES, F. R. *Case against state-managed insurance under workmen's compensation laws. An address delivered at the Temple University, Philadelphia, December 15, 1915.* (New York: Roy Press. 1916. Pp. 16. 25c.)

JONES, F. R., compiler. *Digest of workmen's compensation laws in the United States and territories, with annotations.* Fourth edition. (New York: Workmen's Compensation Publicity Bureau. 1915. Pp. 73. \$2.)

The well-known *Digest* compiled by Mr. Jones appears now in a fourth edition, revised to December 1, 1915, and including the amendments and new statutes of 1915. The form has not been changed; but the scope is extended, not only by the inclusion of the provisions of many new laws, but also by a fuller indication of the content of the various statutes and by a welcome and valuable citation of judicial interpretations down to October 1, 1915. The names and addresses of the several administrative and supervisory boards and officials are also given.

For the insurance man, for whom primarily the digest is prepared, the compilation is of the highest value. Substantially all facts as to the statutes which he will wish to know are made easily accessible by the convenient arrangement of parallel and horizontal columns. In the nature of the case provisions of law can not be stated fully in a digest, and the necessary brevity of statement has resulted in not a few minor and formal inaccuracies; but the compiler's uniform practice of referring to sections and subsections makes it an easy task to trace out exactly the nature of the acts. It is not enough to say that this digest is a reliable handbook for all those interested in workmen's compensation insurance: it is practically indispensable for them. Both in comprehensiveness of scope and in the skill, care, and accuracy displayed in its preparation it is superior to any other work of its kind.

To the general student of workmen's compensation the digest is, perhaps, not quite so satisfactory. The employments covered are not described with all desirable, or practicable, fullness and accuracy. Nor are the respective powers and duties of the courts and of the administrative boards in the enforcement of the laws indicated as fully as some readers might wish. Some might wish more upon these mat-

ters, and possibly upon still others, even at the sacrifice of details as to the posting of notices and as to the specific penalties for non-compliance with the laws. But these are not suggestions as of serious defects; and for the economist, as for others interested in modern social policies, this digest remains an indispensable guide. In its new edition it is even more valuable than before.

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OLIFIERS, E. *Tables for the valuation of the death benefits provided by the New York workmen's compensation law of 1914. Based upon the Danish survivorship table of mortality and the Dutch royal insurance remarriage table, 3 1/2 per cent interest.* (New York: Edward Olifiers. 1915. Pp. 29.)

RABANY, C. *Les pensions civiles de l'état, commentaire des lois des 9 juin 1853, 30 décembre 1913 et 14 mars 1915.* (Paris: Berger-Levrault. 1915. Pp. 424. 4 fr.)

TRIPPIER, R. *Etude sur l'assurance contre le vol.* (Paris: Tenin. 1916. 5 fr.)

*The American underwriter's pocket chart of 232 life insurance companies for the year ending December 31, 1915.* (New York: Thrift Pub. Co. 1916. 25c.)

*Claims to benefit. Decisions given by the umpire.* Vol. II, Nos. 501-1000, to April 22, 1915. (London: Wyman. 1915. 2s.)

*Digest of workmen's compensation laws in the United States and territories, with annotations.* Fourth edition, revised to December 1, 1915. (New York: Workmen's Compensation Publicity Bureau. 1915. \$2.)

*An explanation of the Oklahoma compensation statute (from the standpoint of the employer). How to render first aid. The why and how of accident prevention. The value of casualty inspections.* (Baltimore: Maryland Casualty Co. 1915. Pp. 51.)

*Negligence and compensation cases annotated; with pleadings and forms.* (Chicago: Callaghan. 1915. Pp. 1182. \$6.50.)

*The problem of pensions; federal, state, municipal and industrial, as presented at the sixteenth annual meeting of the National Civic Federation, Jan. 17-18, 1916.* (New York: Nat. Civic Fed. 1916.)

*Proposed standard schedule for grading cities and towns of the United States with reference to their fire defenses and physical conditions.* (New York: National Board of Fire Underwriters. 1915. Pp. 61.)

*Railroad men's manual for computing compensation, applying on C. & N. W. R'y.* (Boone, Ia.: Gilgis & Warner, 1915. Pp. 48. 25c.)

*Report on the pension funds of the city of New York. Part I. Opera-*

*tion of the nine existing pension funds.* (New York: Commission on Pensions. 1916. Pp. 171.)

*Workmen's compensation.* (Norman, Okla.: University of Oklahoma. 1915. Pp. 132.)

*Workmen's compensation law of the state of Kansas.* Reprinted October, 1915. *Wisconsin, revised with amendments and supplementary acts, September, 1915.* (New York: G. I. Wilson & Sons. 1915. Pp. 24; 32. 25c each.)

*Workmen's compensation law of the state of Nebraska.* Reprinted October, 1915. (New York: Roy Press. 1915. Pp. 32. 25c.)

*The younger life insurance companies, results of the first decade of the "New company movement"; embracing all life insurance companies organized in the United States during the ten years ending December 31, 1914.* (New York: Alfred M. Best Co. 1915. \$1.)

### Pauperism and Charities

*The Charities of Springfield, Illinois.* By FRANCIS H. McLEAN. A Survey under the Direction of the American Association of Societies for Organizing Charity. The Springfield Survey, Charities Section. (New York: Russell Sage Foundation, Department of Surveys and Exhibits. 1915. Pp. ix, 185. \$0.25.)

A noteworthy addition to the rapidly growing volume of literature in the field of the social survey is made by the results of the charities section of the Springfield survey. It had four objects:

1. To discover as definitely as possible the size and character of the charity problem of the city, and determine what portions of the field of charitable work are being covered and what, because not covered, show need of community action.
2. To suggest, in order to fill these gaps, both new methods of work and new work for individual charitable organizations.
3. To suggest a possible new division of work among the organizations, public and private, and their better co-operation, in so far as such suggestions seem to be indicated by their present procedure.
4. To indicate such lines of action by organizations and the community as aim at the removal, or improvement, at least, of the conditions which disorganize family life.

To reach these ends the general problem of dependency and the consequent need of charitable effort was divided into four main parts: (1) children in Springfield institutions; (2) the care of the indigent sick; (3) disabilities which lead to the disorgani-